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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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| Application Number     | 09/372,531       |
| Filing Date            | August 11, 1999  |
| First Named Inventor   | Werner Bohnstedt |
| Group Art Unit         | 1745             |
| Examiner Name          | Dove, T.         |
| Attorney Docket Number | 534P007          |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14965 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on September 4, 2003  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Copy of 9/4/03 Amendment as filed for your convenience.

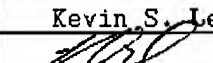
## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees


- The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 14-0930
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
ART UNIT 1745

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Werner Böhnstedt, et al.  
Serial No. : 09/372,531  
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For : BATTERY SEPARATOR PROVIDED WITH A PLURALITY OF  
STUDS AND VERTICAL RIBS  
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2003 (the period for response to which has been extended to September 12, 2003 by virtue of the accompanying petition and fee), please amend the claims as shown on the attached Listing of Claims.

Claims 1, 13 and 15 are amended.

Claims 2 and 4 are cancelled.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 7 of this paper.

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